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## There's Underhanded Methods Used

In this community there are several organizations which work for advancement of the area, and labor for its advancement in every possible way. Yet, from some source, and it must be locally, too, there is a force as strong, if not stronger, working in opposition to anything good for everyone.

Early this spring in San Francisco, as well as in other California cities, began rumors that tourists should not travel Highway 101, almost in fear of their lives. First, of course, the rumors stated, "The people rob you blind for everything."

Venturesome tourists who do come this way have told many local people that all along the way, propaganda is rife about the dangers that lurk on the Oregon coast highway. They picture, not too intelligently that every resident along Highway 101 is a Jesse James, or Dillinger, except guns are not in evidence. This talk has hurt all Oregon coast places.

Last week there came an order from the state highway commission, limiting load limits on this highway. That, to the uninitiated motorist speaks only one thing—the roads are bad. The state highway commission, in its dictatorial position, did this in answer to insistence of some interests. However, that order lasted but two and one-half days.

Oregon, for some reason has long neglected its scenic coastline. Power pressures on the legislature and highway commission has managed to keep the coast highway 25 years behind in development. Incoming state officials should learn, from western Oregon ballot boxes, that the boundaries extend to the high water mark on the Pacific.

## IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

In the June 19, issue of Oregon Voter, Prof. Eldon H. Moore, of University of Oregon, had an article published, telling of the growth in population of Oregon between the years of 1945 and 1948. In prefacing his tabulations and information concerning this

growth in population, Prof. E. H. Moore stated that the 1940-45 growth showed some 25% increase.

With exception of the Portland area, which showed some loss immediately following the close of the war and closing of the war industries, the state has gained almost as much since as it did when the war industries attracted workers here. This is true, according to the argument, to many service men coming to the state they had grown to love while in the service.

The population gain from 1940 to 1945 was 272,382; and from 1945 to 1948 the gain was 114,191, in addition to the migrant workers that had left the Portland area for other states, or a figure of 35,499.

It is because of this increase of population in Oregon that almost every school district finds itself faced with building problems such as may be seen in our own community.

Many people have asked me: "Where does this increase in population originate?" This, if one should watch his daily papers, may be seen self-evident. From

the crowded far east United States, and from the more or less non-productive sections of the mid-west, has been a migration to the land of promise offered only by the west.

With power potential of the west, industry is looking to this section for location. The expensive east has become saturated by industry, and the room for expansion has dropped to zero in too many places.

It is my prediction that the west has seen nothing as yet. I actually look, in the next five to ten years, to see even greater increases in population. On what do I base my assumption? On trends—on statistics from the National Association of Manufacturers. Both point to a mass migration from the congested sections to the west. Even the Pilot has gained any number of subscribers through inquiries for sample copies, which when sent, have resulted in subscriptions of interested people in the future of the west.

Are these same people subscribing to other newspapers? It is my guess that some people who are on the Pilot's list, may be on at least a half dozen other lists. If any reader wishes to see this list, the Pilot will be glad to point them out.

Adding to this wide-spread interest has been Pete Lesmeister, who obtains an average of fifty copies for his own private mailing list, not known to the Pilot. There lives in Brookings one person, who about a year ago, sent a subscription to the Pilot. He came in March of this year from Detroit, Mich., and now boasts as a resident of this area.

Going back to the article appearing in Oregon Voter, the assertion was made that 50,000 increase was considered as a normal increase, from births and immigration. Since 1940, this normal has been increased 3.5% over all of Oregon's 36 counties. The western part of the state has shown the greatest average increase with 9%.

Applied to the local area, one can note the parallel increase, and from careful consideration can come to the conclusion that with promise of new businesses and industry locally, the end is not yet in sight. Trends definitely point in that direction. Statistics forecast more increase and this area must be prepared to meet the situation or find itself slipping.

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## Local News Items

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E. H. Grootendorst, owner of Brookside Azalea & Bulb Farm, returned home after attending the state florist convention last week at Corvallis. Among others from this area attending the affair was J. T. Jacobs.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner and family of Knappa, Texas, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gott. Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Gott are sisters.

## 4-H Garden Club

At the beach we made dens of driftwood and made other things. We went and gathered flowers and plants. We went to Mrs. Lockland's car. She read us a story a poem. We had some campfire snapdragons and home. Karen Simpson, reporter.

## Call For Bids

This 21st day of June, School District No. 23 is open for bids for painting the interior of the Upper Chetco School House. Bids will be opened Friday, June 28, 1948, at 8:00 a.m. at the school house. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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